

8 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

CBS-Radio News mentioned your statement in its early morning broadcasts today.

6:00 A.M. "...General Walter Bedell Smith has refused to comment on reports that he will be an Assistant Secretary of State in the new cabinet. He said any announcement would have to come from the G.O.P...."

6:30 A.M. "...General Walter Bedell Smith has refused to comment on reports he'll be an assistant Secretary of State in the Eisenhower cabinet. He said any announcement at this time would have to come from the G.O.P. If Smith does get the post, he will likely take over Policy Planning since the job of Assistant Secretary for Administration already has been filled..."

No mention was made at 7:00 A.M. or by Claude Mahoney at 7:30.

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